

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for making a transformed at least one plant cell/comprising:
 - a) providing at least one cell from a plant, and
 - b) inoculating a plant cell with at least one Agrobacterium.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said plant is a freshwater monocot plant.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said plant is a freshwater wetland monocot plant.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said plant is a freshwater emergent wetland monocot plant.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said plant is selected from the groups consisting of *Carex*, *Scirpus*, *Juncus* and *Typha*.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of Juncus effusus, Juncus accuminatus, Carex lurida, Typha latifolia, Typha angustifolia and Scirpus polyphyullus.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one cell is from a plant, a portion of a plant or from a callus.
- 8. The method of claim 1. wherein said at least one Agrobacterium is a disarmed Agrobacterium.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said disarmed Agrobacterium comprises a vector.
- 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said vector is derived from Agrobacterium.
- 11. The method of claim 9. wherein said vector comprises expression control sequences operative in said plant.

- 12. The method of claim 9, wherein said vector comprises at least one gene of interest.
- 13. The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one gene of interest does not naturally occur in said plant.
- 14. The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one gene of interest comprises at least one reporter gene.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said at least one reporter gene comprises GUS.
- 16. The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one gene of interest comprises a bioremediation gene.
- 17. A cell made by the method of claim 1.
- 18. The cell of claim 17, wherein said cell expresses the gene of interest.
- 19. A population of cells made by the method of claim 1.
- 20. The population of cells of claim 19, wherein at least one cell expresses the gene of interest.
- 21. The population of cells of claim 19, wherein said population of cells forms a callus.
- 22. The population of cells of claim 19, wherein said population of cells comprises a plant or a seed.
- 23. A method of transforming a plant cell using homologous recombination, comprising:
 - a) providing a plant cell:
 - b) inserting a vector into said plant cell, wherein said vector comprises a nucleic acid sequence of interest flanked by flanking nucleic acid

sequences having substantial identity with a targeted region of said plant cell:

wherein said plant cell expresses said nucleic acid sequence of interest.

- 24. The method of claim 23, wherein said plant cell comprises an nucleic acid sequence that does not naturally occur in said plant cell.
- 25. The method of claim 23, wherein said targeted region comprises a reporter gene.
- 26. The method of claim 23. wherein said vector does not comprise control sequences.
- 27. The method of claim 23, wherein said nucleic acid sequence of interest encodes a bioremediation gene.
- 28. A cell made by the method of claim 23.
- 29. The cell of claim 28, wherein said cell expresses the gene of interest.
- 30. A population of cells made by the method of claim 23.
- 31. The population of cells of claim 50, wherein at least one cell expresses the gene of interest.
- 32. The population of cells of claim 30, wherein said population of cells forms a callus.
- The population of cells of claim 30, wherein said population of cells comprises a plant or a seed.
- 34. A method for regenerating a plant, comprising:
 - a) providing sample of a plant:
 - b) inducing shoot development from said sample: and
 - c) inducing root development from said sample.

- 35. The method of claim 34, wherein said plant is a freshwater monocot plant.
- 36. The method of claim 34, wherein said freshwater monocot plant is a freshwater wetland monocot plant.
- 37. The method of claim 34, wherein said freshwater wetland monocot plant is a freshwater emergent wetland monocot plant.
- 38. The method of claim 34, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of *Carex*. *Scirpus*, *Juncus* and *Typha*.
- 39. The method of claim 34, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of *Juncus effusus*, *Carex lurida* and *Scirpus polyphyllus*.
- 40. The method of claim 34, wherein said sample comprises a portion of said plant, a callus from said plant or at least one cell from said plant.
- 41. The method of claim 34, wherein said sample comprises at least one transgenic plant cell.
- 42. The method of claim 34, wherein said sample comprises a seedling from said plant.
- 43. The method of claim 34, wherein said inducing shoot development comprises culturing said tissue in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 44. The method of claim 43. wherein said plant growth regulator comprises at least one cytokinin.
- 45. The method of claim 44, wherein said at least one cytokinin is selected from the group consisting of N6-benzyladenic (BA), N6 (2-isopentenyl)-adenine (2iP), 1-phenyl-3-(1.2.3-thiodiazol-5-yl)urea (thidazuron) and 6-furfurylaminopurine (kinetin).

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- 46. The method of claim 34. wherein said inducing shoot development comprises culturing said tissue in light.
- 47. The method of claim 34, wherein said inducing root development comprises culturing said tissue in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 48. The method of claim 47, wherein said plant growth regulator comprises at least one auxin.
- 49. The method of claim 48. wherein said at least one auxin is selected from the group consisting of napthaleneacetic acid (NAA), 2.4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2.4-D) and 4-amino-3.5,6-tricholoropicolinic acid (picloram).
- 50. The method of claim 43, wherein said culturing further comprises exposing said tissue to at least one of the group consisting of charcoal, citric acid, ascorbic acid.
- 51. The method of claim 34, wherein said inducing root development comprises culturing said tissue in the light.
- 52. The method of claim 34, further comprising cultivating a mature plant.
- 53. The method of claim 34, further comprising obtaining seeds from said mature plant.
- 54. A plant made by the method of claim 34.
- 55. A seed from a plant of claim 54.
- 56. A method for regenerating a plant, comprising:
 - a) providing a sample of a plant:
 - a) forming a callus from said sample: and
 - b) inducing shoot development and inducing root development from said callus.

- 57. The method of claim 56, wherein said plant is a freshwater monocot plant.
- 58. The method of claim 56. wherein said freshwater monocot plant is a freshwater wetland monocot plant.
- 59. The method of claim 56, wherein said freshwater wetland monocot plant is a freshwater emergent wetland monocot plant.
- 60. The method of claim 56. wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of *Carex*. *Scirpus, Juncus* and *Typha*.
- 61. The method of claim 56. wherein said plant is *Typha latifolia*.
- 62. The method of claim 56, wherein said sample comprises a germinated seedling.
- 63. The method of claim 62, wherein said germinated seedling was germinated in vitro.
- 64. The method of claim 56, wherein said forming comprises culturing said sample in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 65. The method of claim 64, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator comprises at least one auxin.
- 66. The method of claim 65, wherein said at least one auxin is selected from the group consisting of 2.4-D, picloram and NAA.
- 67. The method of claim 56, wherein said forming step is carried out in the dark.
- 68. The method of claim 56, wherein said inducing shoot development comprises culturing said callus in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.

- 69. The method of claim 68, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator is at least one cytokinin.
- 70. The method of claim 69, wherein said at least one cytokinin is selected from the group consisting of BA, 2iP, thidiazuron and kinetin.
- 71. The method of claim 56, wherein said inducing shoot development takes place in the light.
- 72. The method of claim 71, wherein said light is continuous.
- 73. The method of claim 56, wherein said inducing root development comprises culturing said callus in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 74. The method of claim 73, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator is at least one cytokinin.
- 75. The method of claim 74, wherein said at least one cytokinin is selected from the group consisting of BA, 2iP and kinetin.
- 76. The method of claim 56, wherein said inducing root development takes place in the light.
- 77. The method of claim 76, wherein said light is continuous.
- 78. The method of claim 56. further comprising cultivating a mature plant.
- 79. The method of claim 78. further comprising obtaining seeds from said mature plant.
- 80. A plant made by the method of claim 56.
- 8). A seed from a plant of claim 80.
- 82. A method for regenerating a plant, comprising:

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- a) providing a sample of a plant:
- b) forming a callus from said sample;
- c) inducing shoot development from said callus to form at least one shoot; and
- d) inducing root development from said at least one shoot.
- 83. The method of claim 82, wherein said plant is a freshwater monocot plant.
- 84. The method of claim 82, wherein said freshwater monocot plant is a freshwater wetland monocot plant.
- 85. The method of claim 82, wherein said freshwater wetland monocot plant is a freshwater emergent wetland monocot plant.
- 86. The method of claim 82, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of *Carex*. *Scirpus*, *Juncus* and *Typha*.
- 87. The method of claim 82, wherein said plant is *Juncus accuminatus*.
- 88. The method of claim 82. wherein said sample comprises a germinated seedling.
- 89. The method of claim 88, wherein said germinated seedling was germinated in vitro.
- 90. The method of claim 82, wherein said forming comprises culturing said sample in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 91. The method of claim 90, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator comprises at least one auxim.
- 92. The method of claim 91, wherein said at least one auxin is selected from the group consisting of 2.4-D, picloram and NAA.

- 93. The method of claim 82, wherein said forming step is carried out in the dark
- 94. The method of claim 93, wherein said inducing shoot development comprises culturing said callus in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 95. The method of claim 94. wherein said at least one plant growth regulator is at least one cytokinin.
- 96. The method of claim 95, wherein said at least one cytokinin is selected from the group consisting of BA, 2iP, thidiazuron and kinetin.
- 97. The method of claim 82. wherein said inducing shoot development takes place in the light.
- 98. The method of claim 97, wherein said light is continuous.
- 99. The method of claim 82, wherein said inducing root development comprises culturing said callus in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 100. The method of claim 99. wherein said at least one plant growth regulator is at least one auxin.
- 101. The method of claim 100, wherein said at least one auxin is selected from the group consisting of 2.4-D, picloram, and NAA.
- 102. The method of claim 82, wherein said inducing root development takes place in the light.
- 103. The method of claim 102, wherein said light is continuous.
- 104. The method of claim 82. further comprising cultivating a mature plant.
- 105. The method of claim 104. further comprising obtaining seeds from said mature plant.



106. A plant made by the method of claim 82.

107. A seed from a plant of claim 106.

- 108. A method for regenerating a plant or forming a somatic embryo, comprising:
 - 1. providing a sample of a plant;
 - 2. forming a callus from said sample; and
 - 3. inducing the formation of a somatic embryo from said callus.

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- 109. The method of claim 108. wherein said plant is a freshwater monocot plant.
- 110. The method of claim 108, wherein said freshwater monocot plant is a freshwater wetland monocot plant.
- 111. The method of claim 108, wherein said freshwater wetland monocot plant is a freshwater emergent wetland monocot plant.
- 112. The method of claim 108, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of Carex, Scirpus, Juncus and Typha.
- 113. The method of claim 108, wherein said plant is *Typha angustifolia*.
- 114. The method of claim 108, wherein said sample comprises a germinated seedling.
- 115. The method of claim 114. wherein saje germinated seedling was germinated in vitro.
- 116. The method of claim 108, wherein aid forming comprises culturing said sample in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 117. The method of claim 116, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator comprises at least one auxin.

- 118. The method of claim 117, wherein said at least one auxin is selected from the group consisting of 2.4-D, picloram, dicamba and NAA.
- The method of claim 108, wherein said forming step is carried out in the dark or in the light.
- 120. The method of claim 108, wherein said inducing comprises culturing said callus in the presence of at least one plant growth regulator.
- 121. The method of claim 120, wherein said at least one plant growth regulator is at least one cytokinin.
- 122. The method of claim 121, wherein said at least one cytokinin is selected from the group consisting of BA, 2iP, thidiazuron and kinetin.
- 123. The method of claim 108, wherein said inducing takes place in the light.
- 124. The method of claim 123, wherein said light is continuous.
- 125. A plant made by the method of claim 108.
- 126. A seed from a plant of claim 125.
- 127. A method of bioremediation. comprising:
 - providing a plant made by the method of claim 34, 56, 82 or 108:
 - exposing said plant to an environment containing or suspected of containing at least one contaminant that can be reduced by said plant: wherein the amount of said at least one contaminant in said environment is reduced.
- 128. A method of bioremediation. comprising:
 - 1. providing a plant made by the method of claim 34, 56, 82 or 108;

said plant.

 exposing said plant to a sample containing or suspected of containing at least one contaminant that can be reduced by said plant;
wherein the amount of said at least one contaminant in said sample is reduced by